

HOUSE RESOLUTION 159

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Reverend Dr.
DeBorah Lockett Day on being named one of
the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Reverend Dr. DeBorah Lockett Day, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, the founder and president of Mending Vessels Ministry, Reverend Dr. DeBorah Lockett Day was licensed to preach at Trinity African Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia, on September 20, 1998, and was ordained a Baptist minister of the Gospel on August 12, 2001, at the Castalia Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she has served in various ministerial capacities and now serves as an associate minister at St. John Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Day is a retired Commander of the United States Navy, having served for more than twenty-four years; she holds a host of military decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (4th Award), Navy Achievement Medal (2nd Award), National Defense Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Recruiting Duty Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, a career student, Reverend Dr. DeBorah Day has completed several degrees, including three Bachelor of Science degrees and two master's degrees; she received her Doctor of Ministry degree in Faith and Health from Memphis Theological Seminary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a Silver Life member of the NAACP, Reverend Dr. Day has served as a member and leader of a host of honorable organizations and has been the recipient of a number of honors, including the Dr. Henry Logan Starks Institute 2018 Award for Outstanding African American Alumnae; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Reverend Dr. Day be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Reverend Dr. DeBorah Luckett Day on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women in Ministry of 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.